

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, India is the largest democracy in the world, home to nearly a fifth of the world's population with extraordinary diversity and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1947, India gained independence through a movement noted for its non-violent and peaceful resistance led by Mahatma Gandhi; and

WHEREAS, a vivacious country celebrating festival of freedom "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav", India has made remarkable strides in education, health, space, technology and environment since its independence and has emerged as the third largest StartUp ecosystem in the world, leading the fintech, digital and knowledge economy space across the globe; and

WHEREAS, India has one of the largest diaspora in the world, over 32 million strong, with around 4.5 million people of Indian origin in the United States, who contribute significantly to the social, economic and civic fabric of our nation and our community; and

WHEREAS, United States and India share democratic values and ethos and respect for rule of law and freedom which are at the heart of the US-India Global Strategic Partnership; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the success and achievements of Indian American community in Vermont and celebrate India's contribution to the country and the world; and

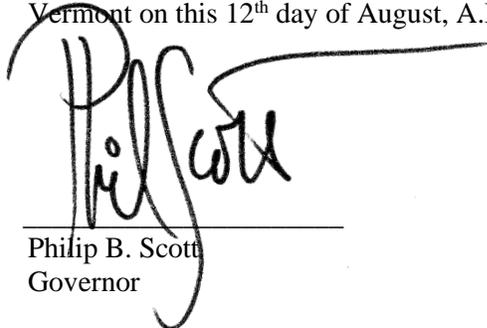
WHEREAS, a steadily growing number of Indian students enrolled in universities across the state add to our robust knowledge and education partnership for a better and sustainable tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 15, 2022 as

INDIA DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of August, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs